GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
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Release of Funds for MGNREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time prescribed and actual time taken to release funds to States under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during each quarter since 2014, along with details of wage arrears, State/UT-wise and quarter/year-wise;

(b) whether a number of works remained incomplete on account of delayed/ non-release of funds and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps being taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the total number of man-days generated under the scheme for the current year as compared to the last three years; and

(d) whether the Government has taken note of discrepancies in wage transfer system in vogue in Odisha and other States and if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 75 for 21.07.2016

(a): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven wage employment programme. Funds for programme implementation including payment of wages are released to the States after verifying the performance, utilisation of funds released, and as per the agreed to Labour Budget and on fulfilment of certain prescribed conditions. Based on the proposals received from the States, funds were released from time to time under MGNREGA. Quarter-wise release to States/UTs for FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 is given in Annexure-I. The wage expenditure in States/UT for FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 is given in Annexure-II.

(b): There are incomplete works on the ground due to various reasons and not just on account of delayed/non-release of funds. All States/UTs have been advised to expedite completion of works lying incomplete as on 31.3.2015. In response to the directions of the Ministry, the States/UTs have launched a drive and as a result of which number of incomplete works have come down from 55.59 lakhs to 35.36 lakhs as on date.

(c): State/UT-wise details of the total number of persondays generated under the MGNREGS for the current year and the last three years are given in the Annexure-III.

(d): No specific report has been received on the discrepancies in wage transfer system in Odisha and other States. However, in order to strengthen wage transfer system, the Electronic Fund Management System (e-FMS) has been rolled out for all types of payments like wage, material and administrative expenses under MGNREGS. The e-FMS directly credits the wages into the respective beneficiary's accounts using the core banking system. The Central Government has also started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 States (Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala Odisha Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand) for direct transfer of wages into the account of MGNREGA workers w.e.f. 1.1.2016.